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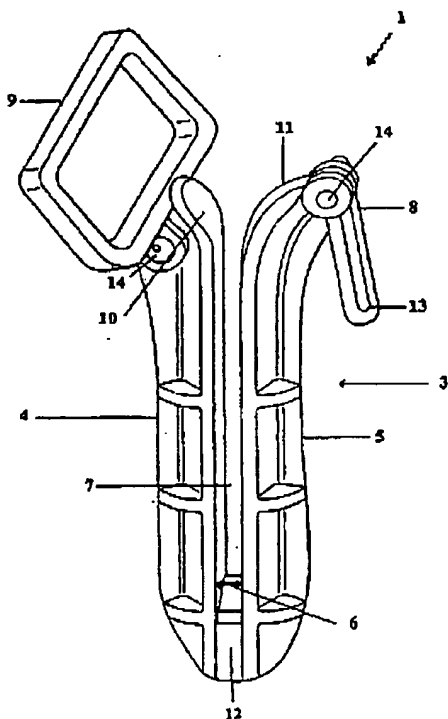
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(54) Title: ADJUSTABLE LEAD, CORD, ROPE OR SHEET STORAGE DEVICE



(57) Abstract: A storage device (1) for storing a lead, rope, chain, solid sheet or elongate material, including a body (3) comprising at least one elongate backbone (4) and at least one elongate tine (5) interconnected thereto (12) but separated from by a defined distance to form a channel (6) adapted to receive a lead, rope, chain, solid sheet or elongate material, support means (9) and a latch apparatus (8), the channel (6) being of a dimension to allow only one length of a lead, rope or chain to fit between the backbones (4) and tine (5) at a time (5), preventing tangling of the lead, rope or chain. The storage device (1) may be attached to a wheeled frame or stand for ease of transport.

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